



#### DISCUSSION

Maps prepared by United States Geological Survey (USGS) in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-funded Building Seismic Safety Council (BSSC) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The basis is explained in commentaries prepared by BSSC and ASCE and in the references.

Ground motion values contoured on these maps incorporate:

- a target risk of structural collapse equal to 1% in 50 years based upon a generic structural fragility
- a factor of 1.1 to adjust from a geometric mean to the maximum response regardless of direction
- deterministic upper limits imposed near large, active faults, which are taken as 1.8 times the estimated median response to the characteristic earthquake for the fault (1.8 is used to represent the 84th percentile response), but not less than 150% g.

As such, the values are different from those on the uniform-hazard 2008 USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps posted at: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/hazmaps>.

Larger, more detailed versions of these maps are not provided because it is recommended that the corresponding USGS web tool (<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/designmaps> or <http://content.seisintstitute.org>) be used to determine the mapped value for a specified location.

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**Figure 22-1 S, Risk-Targeted Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE<sub>R</sub>) Ground Motion Parameter for the Conterminous United States for 0.2 s Spectral Response Acceleration (5% of Critical Damping), Site Class B.**

